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11. (U) U.S. Charge d'Affaires, ad interim Duane Butcher, in agreement with Ambassador Richard Norland, declared the area including and surrounding the Kagan Ammunition Depot in Bukhara Province a disaster area. Per reftels the Government of Uzbekistan has accepted our offer of assistance in the aftermath of powerful explosions, and post strongly supports any possible U.S. Government assistance as soon as possible.

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